

# **Merchantville Department of Public Works 2013 Leaf Collection Procedures**

## **Containerized and Bagged Leaves**

Beginning the week of October 28, 2013 the Department of Public Works will only accept leaves that are either in a **container or bagged**. You can bag your leaves in **open bags** or place them in open trash cans at curbside on the **week of your Yard Waste/Brush collection day**. Residents must comply with the following guidelines to ensure pickup of their leaves:

- Collections will be made the morning of your regularly scheduled yard waste/brush week.

*Example:* If you live **east of Centre**, your leaf collection will be the week of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month beginning at 7 AM.

If you live **west of Centre**, your leaf collection will be the week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month beginning at 7 AM. **Note:** If you live on **Centre Street**, your leaf collection will coincide with the **west of Centre** leaf pick up

- Landscape/lawn services must remove leaves from site or place in bag or container.
- **Leaves loosely raked into the roadway or parkstrip area will not be collected.**

## **Benefits**

- Bi-weekly collections mean more timely collections and less inconvenience. In the past, inclement weather would prevent leaf collection crews from picking up leaves during a designated week and creating a backlog and an incomplete schedule. This schedule and procedure alleviates those issues.
- Cleaner, neater neighborhoods with less on-street parking concerns. Streets would not be as obstructed with leaf piles and less leaves would blow onto your neighbors' yards and Borough's streets.
- A safer condition would exist. There would be less potential for leaves to catch on fire and there would be fewer wet leaves on which cars could skid.
- Bagging of leaves reduces the workload of the Borough's fall leaf collection program, with cost savings to taxpayers.

## **Borough Leaf Collection Schedule**

### **East of Centre Street thru Ivins Avenue:**

**Week of: November 4, November 18, December 2, December 16**

### **West of Centre Street thru West End Avenue:**

**Week of: November 11, November 25, December 9, December 23**

### **Entire Borough:**

**Week of October 28, December 30**

#### **NOTE:**

- Leaves should be placed curbside and *must not be mixed with Thursday trash and recyclables.*
- This schedule works in concert with the existing Yard Waste/Brush collection days. Once the leaf collection schedule is complete, leaves may be collected during the regular Yard Waste/Brush collection days.

Check the Borough website homepage "News and Information" for any leaf collection updates.